

REGULAR MEETING

December 14, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 14th day of December, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Jennings City Council Chambers, 154 N. Main Street, Jennings, Louisiana with President Stephen VanHook and a quorum present.

Jennings City Council Members present: Carolyn Simon, District A; Johnny Armentor, District B; Clifton LeJeune, District C; Stephen VanHook, District E

Jennings City Council Members Absent: Anthony LeBlanc, District D

The Prayer was led by Mr. LeJeune and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Armentor.

It was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the November 9, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Ordinance No. 1777 – an ordinance to amend the Jennings Airport Hazard Zoning Ordinance; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Mr. Armentor to introduce Ordinance No. 1777. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that in light of the recent rejection by the council of the rezoning ordinance for a cell phone tower in the vicinity of the airport, the council felt that an Appeals Board by civilians would circumvent the authority of the elected council members. This ordinance makes the City Council the appeals authority, not a civilian board. After no questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of roll call voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1777.

It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Ms. Simon to authorize the mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder Phase 1 – City of Jennings Repairs and Renovations (City Hall, City Court & Tourism Building). (Bids were opened on November 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. *L.K. Breaux & Associates, Inc.* had the lowest bid at \$724,300.00). Mayor Guinn stated that these repairs and renovations were due to the hurricanes of last year. It was a long drawn-out process of adapting to FEMA changes and the insurance company. There are also Alternates of 1 & 2 which are items that were not insured at the Tourism Building (Alternate 1 – Oil Derrick & Alternate 2- the fence around the derrick). The Mayor stated that if the council wanted to add the rebuilding of Alternate 1 - the oil derrick at the cost of \$149,000.00 and Alternate 2 - the fence around the derrick at the cost of \$14,000.00 then it was necessary to amend the motion. *L.K. Breaux & Associates, Inc.* would still be the lowest bidder. After no other questions or comments, it was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Mr. Armentor to amend the motion to include Alternates 1 & 2 in the acceptance of the lowest responsible bidder. It was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to authorize the mayor to **ACCEPT** the lowest responsible bidder for Phase 1 – City of Jennings Repairs & Renovations (City Hall, City Court & Tourism Building) and Alternates 1 – the Oil Derrick and Alternate 2 – the fence around the derrick.

It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Ms. Simon to authorize the mayor to accept the Advanced Meter Reading System – Phase 3 as complete. Mayor Guinn stated that this project of Phase 1, 2 and 3 took about 3 to 3 ½ years to complete, but was well worth the effort. The city can now read all of the 4,400 meters in one day and are very accurate. A reimbursement change order was created to reimburse the city of unused materials. After no other comment or questions, it was carried

by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to authorize the mayor to **ACCEPT** the Advanced Meter Reading System – Phase 3 as complete.

It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. Armentor to authorize the mayor to sign to amend the Joint Services Agreement with Jennings Industrial Development Board to allocate a payment of \$300,000.00 instead of \$200,000.00. Mayor Guinn stated the original budget was created to renovate the Jeff Davis Arts & Technology Building. With inflation, Covid and hurricanes, the renovation cost more than planned. Mr. Greg Marcantel stated that the building should be completed by the first week of January. After no other comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to authorize the mayor to sign to **AMEND** the Joint Services Agreement with the Jennings Industrial Development Board to allocate a payment of \$300,000.00 instead of \$200,000.00.

With no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **ADJOURN** this Regular Meeting on December 14, 2021 of the Jennings City Council at 5:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Barbara Lantz

Barbara Lantz, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council